

COLLEGE DANCES highlight the St. John Fisher social activity program, in left foreground of above picture are Robert Kolb, Jr. and Rita Dressius, who were chosen King and Queen of the Christmas Ball held at the Country Club of Rochester. In right rear, are Jose Torres and Patricia Smith, King and Queen of the White Orchid Ball held at Oak Hill Country Club.

### Country Club, Oak Hill Proms Top Social Program

The organized social life of the St. John Fisher College student is an important item in its program. The program for that mature leadership which is expected of him as an American Catholic gentleman.

The first student body, the class of '55, of St. John Fisher College, will inaugurate their social evening in their Freshman Year.

Amid the festivity of the season, the student body and officers of the Country Club of Rochester on December 15, 1951 for the first Christmas Dance of the College.

Headed the student committee was Mr. Robert J. Brassey, assisted by Michael Carney, Salvatore Bonfigliano, Daniel Morgan and Angelo DeLa. During intermission, Christmas selections were sung by the Glee Club under the student direction of Francis Filleck.

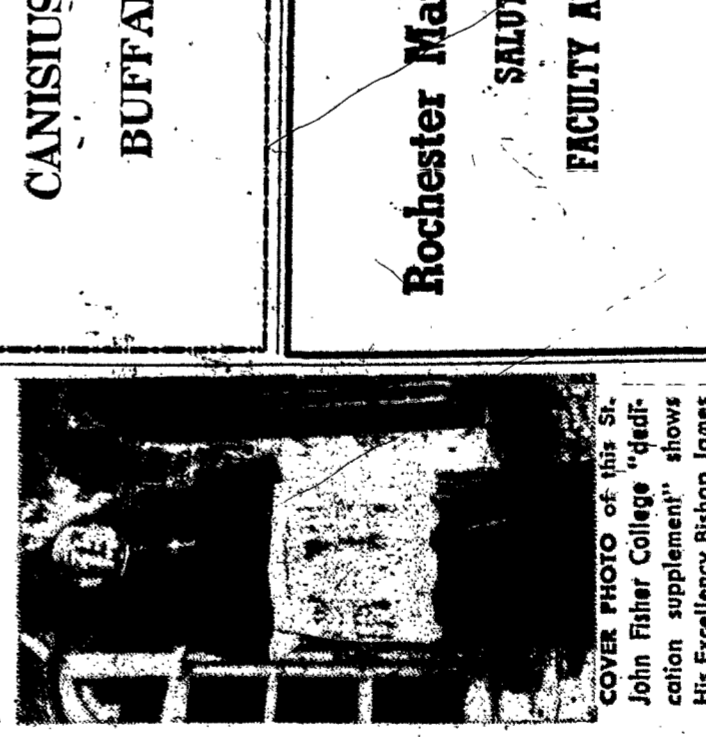
Patrons and patronesses of the dance, which will be an annual event in the St. John Fisher College program, headed by Mr. and Mrs. F. William Gregory included Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Keenan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John C. Menthan, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. O'Donnell, and Mrs. Robert C. O'Donnell.

During the Grand March, Patrons and Faculty of the College selected a couple to be crowned King and Queen of the dance. Miss Jean Dressius and Mr. Robert E. Kolb, Jr. were crowned by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory with appropriate ceremony.

**White Orchid Ball**  
On May 9, 1952, the students of this first class will inaugurate the White Orchid Ball at Oak Hill Country Club. The White Orchid was carried out in decorations and in the crowning of the Orchid Queen.

Assisting Robert F. Moore, Chairman, were Robert Carney, John Puljano, Sam

**Cover Photo**



**COVER PHOTO** of this St. John Fisher College "dedication supplement" shows His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester standing in the beautiful loggia of the new college building which he will dedicate on Sunday, October 12, 1952. As founder of St. John Fisher College, and leader in a diocesan-wide fund raising campaign to launch its first building, Bishop Kearney now sees his long-time dream of a diocesan college for men fulfilled in a beautiful edifice of stone where young men are already at study.

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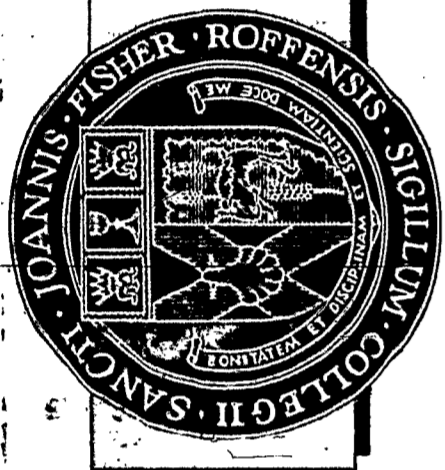
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# Saint John Fisher College

## Dedication



Over the portals of St. John Fisher College, we find inscribed the lines —  
"This is eternal life; that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent."

When St. John Fisher was called to his death from the Tower of London, he took the New Testament in his left hand and passed out of his prison-cell, blessing himself as he went. So weak he could hardly move, the guards carried him in a chair from the foot of the prison stairs to the Tower gate. When they reached the outermost precinct of the Tower, they rested. Fisher, rising from his chair, opened the Testament and gazing upward said:

"O Lord, this is the last time that I shall ever open this book: let some comfortable place in it now chance to me, whereby I, thy poor servant, may glorify Thee in this my last hour."

Then looking down at the place where the Testament happened to open, he read from the Gospel of St. John:

"This is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom Thou has sent."

And closing the New Testament he said:  
"Here is indeed learning enough for me to my life's end."

This is the testament handed down to St. John Fisher College by the patron saint. It explains the policy of the college as laid down in the first catalog:

"St. John Fisher College aims to produce men who think, judge, and act constantly and consistently in accordance with right reason, illumined by the supernatural light of the example and teaching of Christ."

The motto on the college seal commits the institution to the teaching of "goodness, discipline and knowledge."

May the generations of students who, with God's help, will pass through these portals learn to realize that the only true philosophy of life is that inscribed over the portals of Alma Mater.

*+ James E. Kearney*  
Bishop of Rochester

